

Keynotes Biographies

Professor Maggie Snowling

Maggie Snowling holds a personal Chair in the Department of Psychology at the University of York. Following her first degree at Bristol, she completed her doctorate under the supervision of Uta Frith at the MRC Developmental Psychology Unit, University College London, and in 1988 qualified as a clinical psychologist.

Maggie's first academic position was at the National Hospital's College of Speech Sciences where she later became Principal (1989). She moved to be Chair and Head of the Department of Psychology, University of Newcastle upon Tyne in 1992 before taking up her present post in 1994. Maggie was awarded the Marion Welchman Award of the British Dyslexia Association in 1997, the British Psychological Society Presidents' Award in 2003, and the Samuel T Orton award of the International Dyslexia Association in 2005.

Maggie is currently Past-President of the Society for the Scientific Study of Reading (2008-10); she was elected a Fellow of the Academy of Medical Sciences in 2008 and a Fellow of the British Academy in 2009. She is one of the Joint Editors of the Journal of Child Psychology and Psychiatry. In 2008/9 she served as a member of Sir Jim Rose's Expert Advisory Group on provision for Dyslexia (2009) and as an expert member of the Education for All: Fast Track Initiative group in Washington DC in 2011.

Dr Sean Pert

Dr S. Pert is a Highly Specialist Speech and Language Therapist – Speech and Language Impairment/Bilingualism. Dr Pert is registered with the Health Professions Council (<http://www.hpc-uk.org>) and is a member of the Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists (MRCSLT <http://www.rcslt.org>).

Dr Pert was awarded a Bachelor of Science (First Class Hons), at Manchester Metropolitan University in 1995. He has more than sixteen years clinical experience and has a special interest in specific language impairment and bilingualism. He has produced several published works including research papers, speech and language therapy assessments and book chapters. Dr Pert completed his doctoral studies with the University of Newcastle upon Tyne in May 2007.

Dr Pert currently works with children with speech and language impairment, bilingual children as well as coordinating a team of therapists to provide community clinic based speech and language therapy. Dr Pert is also involved in coordinating and delivering student training.